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The proposed settlement with Microsoft is the worst antitrust "remedy" I've ever heard of. It looks like it was written by Microsoft and submitted to the DoJ for their rubber stamp. All it does is give Microsoft a huge tax break now, and an even stronger stranglehold on future computer users.

The only way to bring any level of competition back to the computer environment is to break Microsoft up into, at the very minimum, two separate companies... one for the OS and one for the applications. That way, the OS side cannot mandate the inclusion of applications (like Internet Explorer) to stifle competition, and the application side has a genuine incentive to produce applications for other operating systems, like a port of Office to Linux.

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